

REMARKS

The first preliminary amendment canceled claims 2-7, and this second preliminary amendment places the specification in better conformance with standard U.S. practice and adds new claims 8-26. New claims 8-26 correspond to the subject matter disclosed in claims 1-7, as filed. No new matter was added.

After entry of this second preliminary amendment, claims 1 and 8-26 are pending. Thus, the pending claims include twenty claims in total, three independent, and no multiple dependent.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of claims 1 and 8-26.

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